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The Academic Minute: Cars and Government Regulations

History Professor John Heitmann explores how Americans re-shaped the car as it re-shaped them on the popular radio program The Academic Minute.

Heitmann is the latest UD faculty member featured on the show — a platform for professors from top universities across the country to share “groundbreaking research and how that research helps us understand and solve the big problems that matter to us all.”

Heitmann says the automobile “gave us new freedoms and became part of our identities conveying our values, aspirations and status. But Americans also subtly reshaped the automobile as a technological system both through market forces and government regulation.”

[Listen to John Heitmann on The Academic Minute.](#)

Produced by WAMC/Northeast Public Radio, The Academic Minute airs in nearly 70 markets nationwide. Inside Higher Ed, a leading website on higher education news, also shares the program daily.

Other faculty featured are:

Erin O’Mara, associate professor of psychology, on bragging and modesty. [Listen to O’Mara.](#)

Christian Kiewitz, professor of management, on bad bosses and defensive silence. [Listen to Kiewitz.](#)

Michelle Pautz, associate professor of political science, on civil servants on the silver screen. [Listen to Pautz.](#)

Dorian Borbonus, associate professor of history, on digging for history in Rome. [Listen to Borbonus.](#)

Robert Brecha, professor in the renewable and clean energy program, on why low-energy living doesn’t have to be uncomfortable. [Listen to Brecha.](#)

Susan Davies, associate professor of school psychology, on concussions in the classroom. [Listen to Davies.](#)

Thaddeus Hoffmeister, professor of law, on social media and the courtroom. [Listen to Hoffmeister.](#)

And Kimberly Bigelow, associate professor in mechanical and aerospace engineering, on why being active can help older adults live better and avoid falls. [Listen to Bigelow.](#)

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